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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR LOA NO (78-121) FOR DEMONSTRATION OF
AN/TPQ-36 RADAR

REF: A. 77 STATE 207984, DTG 310241Z AUG 77, B. DEPARTMENT OF
STATE MUNITIONS CONTROL NEWSLETTER NO 51, DTD FEB 78

1. ARMISH-MAAG HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM
THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN (PLAN, PROGRAM AND BUDGET DEPUTY,
IIGF). QUOTE: IIGF INTENDS THAT ANTI-MORTAR RADAR
(AN/TPQ-36) BE TESTED IN IRAN. IF IT IS APPROVED IN TEST
AND EVALUATION, THE SAID RADAR BE ALLOCATED TO THE ARTILLERY
UNITS, REQUEST THAT COMMENTS BE SUBMITTED ON SHIPPING ONE
SET OF THE SUBJECT RADAR AS WELL AS DETAILING EXPERT CREW
REQUIRED FOR IRAN AND PROBABLE EXPENDITURES SO THAT
APPROPRIATE ACTION MAY BE TAKEN IN THIS RESPECT.
UNQUOTE.

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2. GOI INDICATES FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE DESIRED.
A. US TEAM TO DEMONSTRATE THE CAPABILITIES OF THE
COUNTER MORTAR RADAR, AN/TPQ-36 IN IRAN.
B. ALL EQUIPMENT TO SUPPORT THIS DEMONSTRATION
REQUIRED BY US TEAM TO INCLUDE TOOLS, TEST SETS,
CALIBRATION EQUIPMENT, ETC. SHOULD BE PROVIDED BY
THE US.

C. TEAM SHOULD BE ABLE TO DISCUSS AND PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE MAINTENANCE ASPECTS OF THE EQUIPMENT TO INCLUDE TRAINING AND LENGTH OF SCHOOLS FOR OPERATOR, ORGANIZATIONAL AND DIRECT SUPPORT/GENERAL SUPPORT MAINTENANCE.

D. TEAM SHOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS OPERATOR TRAINING REQUIREMENTS TO INCLUDE CONUS SCHOOLS, MTT, AND TAFT PERSONNEL.

3. ALL EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FROM THE USG FOR THIS DEMONSTRATION SHOULD ARRIVE IN COUNTRY ACCOMPANIED BY TEAM MEMBERS AND ALL EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE SHIPPED BACK TO US BY TEAM MEMBERS BEFORE TEAM DEPARTS IRAN.

4. THE PURPOSE OF THE DEMONSTRATION IS TO PROVIDE THE GOI THE OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE AND EVALUATE THE OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY OF THE AN/TPQ-36.

5. THE GOI WILL ACCEPT ALL COSTS RELATED TO THIS DEMONSTRATION.

6. IIGF ARTILLERY BATTALIONS IN COMBAT DIVISIONS AND SUPPORTING FIELD ARTILLERY GROUPS CURRENTLY HAVE NO MEANS OF ACQUIRING TARGET INFORMATION FOR COUNTER-BATTERY FIRE. THE AN/TPQ-36 WOULD PROVIDE THE CAPABILITY NEEDED BY THE IIGF, AND ALLOW MORE EFFICIENT AND ACCURATE USE OF
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ARTILLERY ASSETS. A SIMILAR CAPABILITY IS ALREADY POSSESSED BY POTENTIAL ADVERSARIES IN THE AREA. WITHOUT IMPROVED MEANS OF TARGET ACQUISITION THE IIGF INVENTORIES OF ARTILLERY WEAPONS OPERATE AT EFFICIENCY LEVELS FAR BELOW THEIR CAPABILITY.

7. MISSION RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE REQUESTED DEMONSTRATION. ALTHOUGH THE AN/TPQ-36 RADAR IS ON THE MAJOR DEFENSE EQUIPMENT LIST AND THE GOI HAS NOT MADE A DECISION ABOUT PURCHASE, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE LIMITATIONS PERTAINING TO DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE ARMS SALES WITH HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, CONTAINED IN PARA 5A OF REF A, APPLY TO THE DEMONSTRATION REQUESTED BY THE IIGF. THE CONTEMPLATED USE OF THE RADAR, IF THE GOI DECIDES TO PURCHASE IT, WOULD BE TO ENHANCE THE ACCURACY AND EFFICIENT USE OF ARTILLERY SYSTEMS ALREADY ACQUIRED FROM THE USG. IN SUCH A SITUATION WE BELIEVE THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH APPROVAL REQUIRED BY PARA 5A ALREADY IMPLIED EXISTS.

P8. PLEASE PREPARE A LETTER OF OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE FOR THE DEMONSTRATION, AND FORWARD A MINIMUM OF TWELVE (12) SIGNED COPIES TO: CHIEF, ARMISH-MAAG, ATTN: ARACM,

BOX 200, APO NEW YORK 09205.
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